

***In the Claims***

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1     1. [Previously Presented] A method for maintaining in a  
2     digital computer system synchronization of ledger accounts  
3     between a back-end procurement system and a front-end  
4     requisition and catalog system on behalf of a plurality of  
5     customer companies of an enterprise providing procurement  
6     services to a plurality of company groups, each said company  
7     group including a different plurality of said customer  
8     companies, comprising the steps of:

9             associating a plurality of said customer companies  
10            within a company group, said customer companies within  
11            said company group storing in respective storage  
12            devices a same chart of accounts which varies with  
13            respect to a chart of accounts associated with a  
14            different company group of customer companies of said  
15            enterprise;

16            maintaining a requisition and catalog system in  
17            respective digital computer systems at each said  
18            customer company;

19            maintaining said chart of accounts in a digital storage  
20            device at said back-end procurement system at said  
21            enterprise;

22            periodically extracting from said chart of accounts,  
23            account identification indicia and descriptive

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24 information for a given customer company;

25 communicating said account identification indicia and  
26 descriptive information to said requisition and catalog  
27 system for each said customer company of a given  
28 company group;

29 at said requisition and catalog system, storing said  
30 indicia and information in an electronic data store of  
31 valid general ledger accounts associated with said  
32 company group for said given customer company;

33 associating commodity codes with said account  
34 identification indicia;

35 pushing commodity code/account identification  
36 associations to all other companies in said company  
37 group of said given customer company;

38 responsive to a user request for a requisition of a  
39 commodity, providing to a user interface of a computer  
40 display device a selection list of valid account codes  
41 and descriptions authorized for purchase by users from  
42 companies within said company group to facilitate  
43 selection by a user of a correct account code for said  
44 commodity.

2-11. [Canceled]

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